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Proclaim March 2016 as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month in Los Angeles County

Every day, 44 people in the U.S. die from overdosing on prescription painkillers, and many more become dependent on these medications. While there has been no overall change in the amount of pain that Americans report, the quantity of prescription painkillers dispensed in the U.S. has quadrupled since 1999, as has the death rate from these medications. The abuse of painkillers- like hydrocodone, oxycodone, codeine and morphine- is the nation's fastest-growing drug problem and has been classified as an epidemic by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors Proclaim Tuesday, March 1st through Thursday, March 31st, 2016 "Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month" and take the following related action:

Urge County of Los Angeles residents, health providers, and community leaders to support efforts that will provide education and training about prescription drug misuse and abuse, and increase support for individuals and families coping with the consequences of prescription drug abuse.

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